

Clara Barton

26 May 1944.

Dear Miss Boardman:

Mrs. Roosevelt in her column "My Day" in the New York World-Telegram of May 23, speaks favorably of both Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton. She says specifically:

"Someone wrote me the other day to remind me of the part which Clara Barton played in the signing of the treaty of Geneva and the founding of the International Red Cross.

"Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton were two women who fully realized the importance of an idea, and went to work to see that that idea was carried out during their lifetimes. They saw that it remained as an organization for future service. If these two women could accomplish so much in days gone by, when women had far less opportunity for public service than they have today, surely the women of today can do much to bring the questions of national and international education before the people of the world."

In view of this, may I send her the enclosed letter with the material relating to Clara Barton. I think she really ought to know about it to fortify herself against any of the persons who write to her asking her to endorse Clara Barton's candidacy for the Hall of Fame.

Will you be good enough to return the enclosed letter to me.

With deep appreciation of your interest, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the Director.

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